

U.S. EMBASSY KUWAIT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 007-11

(RE-OPENED)

OPEN TO: ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES

POSITION: MECHANICAL ENGINEER
FSN-1105-012*; FP-03** (FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL)

OPENING DATE: April 10, 2011

CLOSING DATE: April 21, 2011

WORKING HOURS: FULL TIME; 48 hours per week

SALARY: Full Performance Level:

**** Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR):**

Position Grade: FP-03

Starting Salary: US\$ 65,413 p.a.

**** Final grade/salary to be determined by
HR/OE – NEA/EX/HRD**

*** Ordinarily Resident (OR):**

Position Grade: FSN-12

Starting Salary: KD20,093 p.a.

*** Actual grade and salary will be based on
the qualifications of the applicant.**

The U.S. Embassy in Kuwait is seeking an individual for the position of Mechanical Engineer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The incumbent will work directly under the supervision of the Area Engineer, Kuwait Area Office at Camp Arifjan, Road 40, King Fahed Abdul Aziz Road towards Julai'a.

Important note:

Ordinarily Resident (OR) applicants must have the required work and/or residence permit to be eligible for consideration. (This applies to all foreign nationals (US and non-US citizens) residing in Kuwait).

All applicants (US citizen and non-US citizens) who are family members of USG employees officially assigned to post and NOT under Chief of Mission authority must be residing in country and have the required work and/or residency permits to be eligible for consideration.

All US Citizens (USEFMs, EFMs, or MOHs as defined below) of US Government Employees assigned to the Mission and under Chief of Mission authority are eligible for consideration. A US Citizen EFM does not have to be residing in country to be considered but the sponsoring officer under COM authority does have to be officially assigned to post.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position **must** submit the following **or the application will not be considered**.

1. Application for US Federal Employment (DS-174) which is available on the Embassy's site: <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov>
2. Copy of the high school certificate/university degree (per the requirement of the position).
3. Copy of the Civil ID or passport copy including the residence permit page.
4. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference **must** provide a copy of the form DD-214.

SUBMIT APPLICATION BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE TO:

Human Resources Office
American Embassy Kuwait
Bayan, Block 13, Al-Aqsa Mosque Street

OR Email the application to: HROKuwait@state.gov

Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted.

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

The incumbent of this position serves as a Mechanical Engineer with responsibility for supervision and inspection of the installation of mechanical equipment for the US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Transatlantic Programs Center (TAC) Kuwait Area Office. S/he analyzes plans and specifications for construction feasibility of mechanical phases and adequacy of installation and equipment and plans day-to-day activities to conform to construction progress and special assignments and confers with other Kuwait Area Office.

Duties include:

- Task identification and Data Acquisition - Reviews and analyzes basic project information and requirements. Studies applicable Technical Manuals (TMs),
- Design, Review and Construction Support -Assignments involve all of the three areas described with Construction Support being predominant in time and effort.
- Design - Coordinates with minimal supervision all mechanical aspects of the design with the disciplinary design team assembled to produce a well-integrated design package for assigned projects.
- Review - Performs technical reviews of the mechanical aspects of design packages developed by A-E firms; consisting of drawings, specifications and design analysis. Reviews to insure that the A-E has developed the project design in accordance with accepted mechanical principles and standards, established USACE and using agency policies and criteria, established user functional and operational requirements, and for cost effectiveness.

- Construction Support - Provides technical support to other Area Office and Construction Operations Division personnel in resolving conventional and highly complex mechanical problems prior to, during and after construction.
- Provides technical guidance to using services regarding both conventional and unique or complex mechanical problems after construction completion. Participates in periodic and special inspections during construction and/or upon completion of projects. Prepare written report documenting coordination, findings, and recommendations. Coordinates and/or utilizes the services of team members to execute the Construction Support effort, as required.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

1. Must be a graduate with a Mechanical Engineering (BS) degree from an accredited university recognized by the Kuwaiti Society of Engineers (KSE).
2. Seven to ten years of progressively responsible experience as a Mechanical Engineer in design, field construction and supervision of large residential/commercial projects.
3. Level IV (Fluent) in English and Level III (good working knowledge) in Arabic.
4. Good knowledge of all mechanical system design, construction, testing and commissioning. Must be able to review and interpret engineering documents, drawings and specifications. Must be familiar with the latest U.S. and local standards and construction industry practices. Must be familiar with engineering office and construction administration duties.
5. Ability to execute all duties with minimum supervision. Must be able to review and comment on engineering submittals for shop drawings, material and equipment. Must be computer literate and familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, Primavera, AutoCAD or Intergraph MicroStation and other engineering software.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and US Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

Only those short listed applicants will be called for a test/interview.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFM's who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

DEFINITIONS

1. US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) – **For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM** who meets the following criteria:
 - US Citizen; and,
 - EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
 - Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.
2. EFM: An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:
 - Spouse;
 - Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
 - Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
 - Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

3. **Member of Household (MOH)** – An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

4. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: *April 21, 2011*

An equal opportunity Employer

The US Mission in Kuwait provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.